

GREENFORD & DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

GROUP SWIMMING GALA 2012

COMPETITION RULES

These Rules apply to the Cub Scout, Scout and Explorer Scout sections unless otherwise stated.

1. *The Group that has accumulated the highest number of points for a section will win the sectional competition.*
2. *The Group competition will be the sum of the points from the Cub Scout and Scout sections. Where more than one Pack or Troop has been entered for a Group, the points from the highest placing Pack or Troop will be used towards the Group competition.*
3. ***Each competitor MUST be able to swim 25 metres unaided. If the organisers feel that the competitor cannot swim this distance, they will be withdrawn from any other race they have been entered in.***
4. *The adult supervisor for a team **MUST** inform the organisers of any “no-show” competitors as soon as possible. Failure to inform the organisers on two (2) occasions will result in the rest of the section team being disqualified.*
5. *Each competitor must wear an appropriate swimming costume. Swimming goggles and hats may be worn. No other items of clothing may be worn by competitors during a race.*
6. *Robes, track suits, towels, etc. may be worn by competitors before and after their race.*
7. *Only competitors, adult supervisors and Event staff will be permitted to be on the poolside.*
8. *Outside footwear may not be worn by anyone on the poolside.*
9. *Competitors must remain in their allocated areas until called by their section marshals.*
10. ***At least one (1) responsible adult **MUST** be present on poolside to supervise their section. No more than two (2) adults may be poolside with each section.***
11. *Competitors must have their Name, actual Age and Group (e.g. Joe Bloggs, 12, 1P) printed on the back of their hand.*
12. *Competitors may swim for one (1) Pack, Troop or Unit only. (e.g. A ten year old may swim for the Cub Scouts if (s)he has not left the Pack or for the Scouts if (s)he is currently linking with or has been invested into the Troop. They may not swim for both Cub Scouts and Scouts this also applies to linking between Scouts and Explorers.)*
13. *Competitors may only swim in two (2) events plus the relay each.*
14. *All competitors should swim in their own age group. Only in the event of a Pack, Troop or Unit having no swimmer at all for that age group, they may then swim up a younger competitor. (e.g. An under 9 may swim in an Under 10's race.)
*No competitor may swim in more than one (1) age group for the same stroke, but may swim in different age groups for different strokes.**
15. *Competitors must remain in the water, in their lane, at the end of a race until instructed to leave the water by a judge. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification from the race.*
16. *Breast Stroke swimmers may swim only one (1) stroke under water and at the finish must touch with both hands.*
17. *Back Stroke swimmers must remain on their back.*
18. *Free Style swimmers may use any stroke. The relay race is a Free Style event.*

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19. *A relay team is comprised of four (4) swimmers. In the exceptional circumstances where a Pack, Troop or Unit only has three (3) swimmers competing in the Gala, the section may still enter a relay team. One of the three competitors must swim the first and forth leg of the race.*
20. *The relay race heats may be timed (dependant on number of entries) to determine the teams entering the final.*
21. *In the relay races, the second, third and forth swimmers must not start their leg of the race until the preceding swimmer has touched the wall at the end of his/her lane.*
22. *Each Pack, Troop and Unit may enter one (1) team only. (i.e. if a Group has two Packs, each Pack may enter a separate team.) Mixed Pack, Troop or Unit teams are not permitted.*
23. *All competitors that complete a heat but do not qualify for a place in the final will gain one (1) point. In the final the points will be seven (7) points for 1st place, six (6) points for 2nd place, five (5) points for 3rd place, four (4) points for 4th place, three (3) points for 5th place & two (2) points for 6th place.*
24. *Any queries that may arise during the event should be taken up by the supervising adult with the Chief Marshall for the relevant section. If they are not able to resolve the matter, it may be taken up with the organiser. (Please refer to the last rule.)*
25. *Competitor(s) and/or team(s) must not impede the lifeguards, judges or any other person involved with the running of the Gala. Failure to comply with this rule may result in deduction of points and/or disqualification of competitor(s) or team(s).*
26. *Under no circumstances may any competitor or supervising adult approach the scorers' desk (except when a competitor has been instructed to do so by a judge). Failure to comply with this rule may result in deduction of points and/or disqualification of competitor(s) or team(s).*
27. *The organisers may, if (s)he deems it necessary, alter these rules at any time without prior notice being given.*
28. ***THE DECISION OF THE ORGANISERS IS FINAL AND ABSOLUTE.***

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KEY

Rules marked at the side with double vertical lines (//) have been amended since the last gala.

There have been no changes to the rules this year.